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Confirm body in Tex. grave is Oswald's

Dallas (Combined Dispatches)—Authorities yesterday dug up the grave of Lee Harvey Oswald, and an autopsy later confirmed "beyond any doubt" that the body inside was that of the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy.

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Marina Oswald Porter (dark blouse) leaves hospital after autopsy.

In a report that ended 18 years of speculation and court battles, Dr. Linda Norton, head of a team of pathologists, said:

"We both individually and as a team have concluded beyond any doubt—and I mean beyond any doubt—that the individual buried under the name Lee Harvey Oswald in Rose Hill cemetery is Lee Harvey Oswald."

In the most critical test during the autopsy, doctors matched the teeth of the remains with Oswald's dental records from the Marine Corps in the mid-1950s, prior to his defection to the Soviet Union in 1959.

The pathologists also said remnants of a mastoid operation, conducted in 1945 when Oswald was 6 years old, were found on the skull, and rings that Oswald's widow, Marina Oswald Porter, had placed on the body just before its burial were also found.

After the examination, Oswald's remains were returned to Rose Hill Memorial Park and replaced in the grave.

British author Michael Eddowes had theorized that Oswald was replaced by a Russian agent when Oswald defected to the Soviet Union. He said evidence

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In ironic twist, the hearse containing remains of Lee Harvey Oswald drives past Texas Book Depository, from where he fired fatal shots at President John Kennedy (window located by arrow) 18 years ago.

"indicated" it was the agent who killed Kennedy.

Porter, who joined Eddowes in the battle for permission to exhume and identify the body, believed strongly that no corpse would be found, saying it had been tampered with after the burial, probably by United States government agents.